

In reading an article in the Cleveland Plain Dealer regarding the Maritime Transportation Security Act I was astonished to hear that ferry boats to Middle Bass Island on Lake Erie would be subjected to these new regulations. I have been taking these ferries since I was a child and I don't think there is a threat of terrorism with them. To put people through extensive searches to go to an island in the middle of Lake Erie would be ludicrous. What it would do to Ohio's tourism to the islands of Lake Erie could be devastating to many businesses on the islands. I feel there needs to be an exception to the rule for situations like this. If it was Miami or San Diego there would be a difference.